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Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Medical Review Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 4/08/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement of \$110.00 for Fluoroscopy provided on date of service 4/29/02. The Respondent denied reimbursement as "G SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE LISTED VALUE OF THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE. O DENIAL AFTER RECONSIDERATION."

II. RATIONALE

The Requestor billed \$150.00 for CPT code 76000-WP. According to the Table of Disputed Services, the amount in dispute is \$110.00. The MAR is \$110.00.

The Respondent denied the disputed services as reflected above. Pursuant to Advisory 97-01, "If a health care provider believes fluoroscopic assistance (fluoroscopy) is medically necessary when performing an injection on a particular patient, and it is not included in the procedure, the provider shall bill the appropriate CPT code for the injection and the appropriate CPT code for the fluoroscopic assistance." A letter of Medical Necessity for Fluoroscopy during spinal injections was included in the Requestor's dispute packet. CPT Code 76000-WP is not global to any other procedure billed on the dates in dispute. Therefore, **reimbursement** is recommended.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Medical Review Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for the referenced CPT code in the amount of **\$110.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Medical Review Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$110.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 13th day of August 2003.

Pat DeVries Medical Dispute Resolution Officer Medical Review Division

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